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Subject: Information on Deceased Third Party - Thornton, Andrew C.

Via Electronic Mail

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Dear Mr. Best:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Act (FOI/PA) request emailed July 13, 2017, to the DEA.FOIA mailbox, seeking access to information regarding the above subject.

We are in receipt of your recent inquiry regarding the status of your pending Freedom of Information/Privacy Act request.

Due to the large number of requests received by DEA for disclosure of records pursuant to the Acts, and due to the limited resources available to process such requests, DEA has adopted a "first-in, first-out" practice of processing all incoming requests. This policy complies with the decision in Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605, (D.C. Cir. 1976), citing 5 U.S.C. 552 (a)(6)(C) and is applied consistently by DEA. Please be advised that your request is being handled as expeditiously as possible and your patience in this matter is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact Government Information Specialist Deshelia S Wallace on 202-307-4264.

Sincerely,

Katherine L. Myrick, Chief
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